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Mr. M. R. Stierheim
County Manager
Metropolitan Dade County
Room 911, Courthouse
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Stierheim:

I appreciated meeting with you and Dr. Dyer on April 30 to discuss the Stage I rapid transit system and the proposed Downtown People Mover (DPM) for Miami.

As a result of these discussions, I am pleased to re-affirm our support for the Stage I system and to indicate to you that a letter of intent and a full funding contract for the project will be processed shortly. These documents will finalize the maximum Federal commitment to the project.

Your transit program has included plans for a DPM, and both Mr. Patricelli in December, 1976 and I in December, 1977 expressed our support for the project. We further indicated we would be prepared to permit you to use funds for the project if adequate cost savings or reprogramming from rapid transit construction could be achieved.

On May 9, 1978, I approved funds for engineering of the DPM and these studies are now in progress. We look forward to reviewing these studies and we are prepared to support construction of the DPM up to a maximum limit of \$19.2 million. This would be a commitment over and above the full funding contract and would be subject to the future availability of funds from Congress.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Page

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